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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ABINGDON DIVISION**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>Case No. 1:23-cr-024</b>
	)	
<b>ERIC DALE WHISMAN,</b>	)	<b>By: Michael F. Urbanski</b>
	)	<b>Senior United States District Judge</b>
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	

**ORDER**

This matter was referred to the Honorable Pamela Meade Sargent, United States Magistrate Judge, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(3), for the purpose of conducting a plea hearing and a plea colloquy under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and preparing proposed findings of fact and a recommendation as to the acceptance of such plea as tendered. The Magistrate Judge filed a Report and Recommendation on June 24, 2024, recommending that defendant's plea of guilty be accepted. ECF No. 341. No objections to the Report and Recommendation have been filed, and the court is of the opinion that the Report and Recommendation should be adopted in its entirety.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that said report and the findings and recommendation contained therein are hereby **ACCEPTED IN WHOLE**, defendant's plea of guilty is **ACCEPTED**, and defendant is adjudged **GUILTY** as to Count One of the Indictment. The Clerk of Court hereby is directed to send a certified copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

It is **SO ORDERED**.

Entered: July 8, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Urbanski', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael F. Urbanski  
Senior United States District Judge